

**TIPPECANOE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2006**

The Tippecanoe County Commissioners met on Monday, April 17, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. in the Tippecanoe Room in the County Office Building. Commissioners present were: President John L. Knochel, Vice President Ruth E. Shedd, and Member KD Benson. Also present were: Auditor Robert A. Plantenga, Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, County Attorney David W. Luhman, and Secretary Pauline E. Rohr.

President Knochel called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2006 Regular Meeting as distributed, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS

- Upon the recommendation of Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston, Commissioner Benson moved to approve the Accounts Payable Vouchers through April 17, 2006 with no exceptions, seconded by Commissioner Shedd; motion carried.

HIGHWAY: Executive Director Opal Kuhl

Change Order #4: 200 N Reconstruction Project: Kline & Associates

Ms Kuhl explained that they incurred an additional \$7,869.21 with Milestone Contractors. L.P. due to utility conflicts on the 200 N Reconstruction Project.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Change Order #4 for an additional \$7,869.21 with Milestone Contractors for the 200 N Reconstruction Project, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Change Order #2: Design of South River Road Project, Ph III: The Schneider Corporation

Ms Kuhl requested approval of Change Order #2 for an additional \$102,000 for changes in scope to address drainage and survey and right-of-way issues. Also included is an amount for parcels if needed for right-of-way.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Change Order #2 in the amount of \$102,000 for Ph III of the South River Road Project, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Title Sheet: Lauramie Creek Bank Stabilization Project @ 900 S

Ms Kuhl requested the Commissioners' signatures on the Title Sheet of the Lauramie Creek Bank Stabilization Project to address erosion problems and make repairs. She said plans may be picked up for bids due May 1, 2006.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the signing of the Title Sheet for the Lauramie Creek Bank Stabilization Project, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Construction Maintenance Bond #5019624: A & K Construction, Inc.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept Three (3) year Construction Maintenance Bond #5019624 in the amount of \$5,000 for A & K Construction, Inc. for work in all County right-of-ways, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Construction Maintenance Bond #B8857281 replaces Bond #B885728: Norfleet Builders, Inc.

This Bond replaces Bond #B885728 and corrects the address of the entrance to Four Square Gospel Church to 2502 Mondavi Boulevard, Lafayette, Indiana.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept Three (3) year Construction Maintenance Bond #B8857281 in the amount of \$5,000 for Norfleet Builders, Inc. for work in the right-of-way of 2502 Mondavi Boulevard, Lafayette, Indiana, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Continuation Certificate: Bond #04637445: Mulberry Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept the Continuation Certificate effective until May 10, 2007 for Bond #04637445 in the amount of \$5,000 for Mulberry Cooperative Telephone Co., Inc., seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Utility Maintenance Bond #0492906: West Point Telephone Co., Inc.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to accept Three (3) year Utility Maintenance Bond #0492906 in the amount of \$5,000 for West Point Telephone Co., Inc., seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Announcement: Bridge @ S. 18th Street & 510 S

Ms Kuhl announced that 510 S and S 18th Street will be closing for bridge work sometime this week for a period of 110 calendar days. She will issue a press release to announce the specific date.

ORDINANCE 2006-04-CM: Amending Tippecanoe County Code Adding New Chapter 31.124 Requiring Digital Data Submission and Establishing Digital Data Submission Standards: Second Reading

Ordinance 2006-04-CM was amended after first reading on March 6, 2006. Both versions of the Ordinance will appear in their entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

Attorney Luhman noted the largest changes after the first reading:

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GIS DIGITAL DATA SUBMISSION

2. from: planned development final detailed plans
to: those portion of planned development final detailed plans, including plats that depicts and or defines any lines of property ownership both vertical and horizontal

Attorney Luhman explained that this change makes it a little less inclusive but more accurate with respect to what needs to be submitted digitally.

7. from: a fine not exceeding \$2,500 for a first violation of the Ordinance and not exceeding \$7,500 for a second or subsequent violation of the Ordinance
to: a fine not exceeding \$500.00 plus all court costs, attorney fees and other legal costs for a first violation of the Ordinance and not exceeding \$1,000.00 plus all court costs, attorney fees and other legal costs for a second or subsequent violation of the Ordinance.

EXHIBIT A
TIPPECANOE COUNTY UNIFORM
DIGITAL DATA SUBMISSION STANDARDS FOR GIS DATA

1. from: planned development final detailed plans and plats
to: those portion of planned development final detailed plans, including plats that depicts and or defines any lines of property ownership both vertical and horizontal
5. from: Tippecanoe County may waive or adjust requirements specified herein upon finding that strict adherence of the requirements does not apply or is contrary to the long-term maintenance of GIS at Tippecanoe County.
to: The Tippecanoe County GIS Policy Committee may waive or adjust requirements specified herein upon finding that strict adherence to the requirements does not apply or is contrary to the long-term maintenance of GIS at Tippecanoe County. Before a change or an adjustment in the requirements contained in Exhibit A may be made by the Policy Committee, the committee will notify the Government Affairs Committee of the Tecumseh Chapter of ISPLS or all parties that have made digital submission in the last two years. The notice will be sent at least thirty days before the GIS Policy Committee meeting at which the changes will be discussed.

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Mr. Murray said the compromise regarding planned developments language was reached after discussions with Area Plan. He commented there is a lot of information regarding planned development that has nothing to with property lines so it does not need to be submitted.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Ordinance 2006-04-CM as amended on second reading, seconded by Commissioner Benson.

President Knochel invited comments from the audience regarding the Ordinance.

Roger Fine, a local surveyor with Fisher & Associates and Co-Chairman of the Government Affairs Committee of the ISPLS and Vice President of the local chapter, stated they fully support the Ordinance as amended.

Auditor Plantenga recorded the vote:

John Knochel	Yes
Ruth Shedd	Yes
KD Benson	Yes

- The motion to approve Ordinance 2006-04-CM as amended passed 3 – 0 on second and final reading.

Attorney Luhman interjected that July 1, 2006 will be the effective date of the Ordinance.

OFFICE LEASE: Indiana Department of Health: Tippecanoe County Health Department Executive Assistant Ron Cripe

Mr. Cripe requested approval of an Office Lease Agreement to continue leasing 500 square feet of space in the 629 Building to the Indiana Department of Health f office for their Bioterrorism Office. They would like to expand the length of the lease to two years from August 15, 2006 through August 15, 2008 for a monthly amount of \$481.25, not to exceed \$11,550.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Lease of 500 square feet in the 629 Building to the Indiana Department of Health for the Bioterrorism Office, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

SUPPLEMENTAL ELECTION CONTRACT: Board of Election & Registration: Co-Registrars Heather Maddox and Laurie Wilson

On March 6th, the Commissioners signed the Election Contract for Poll Workers for the May 2, 2006 Primary Election. Since that time, Mrs. Wilson said the Board of Election unanimously approved increasing the pay \$5 every year for Election Poll Workers. If approved, the salaries for 2006 will be increased to:

Inspector	\$145
Democratic Judge	\$120
Republican Judge	\$115
Democratic Clerk	\$115
Republican Clerk	\$115

In response to Commissioner Shedd's question, Mrs. Wilson said salaries were last increased in 2004 and noted there were no elections in 2005. Commissioner Benson asked if the County is having trouble finding Poll Workers because of the pay to which Ms Maddox responded that both parties still need workers. Mrs. Wilson interjected that they haven't heard pay is a reason people aren't interested in working at the polls. Ms Maddox concurred that pay is not a big issue but she said she doesn't think it will hurt to entice workers with higher pay.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Supplemental Election Contract to increase each Poll Worker's salary \$5 for 2006, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-12-CM: Modifying the Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) Capital Improvement Plan: Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston

Resolution 2006-12-CM will appear in its entirety in the Ordinance and Resolution Book in the County Auditor's Office.

Mrs. Weston explained the request to add this project came from the Clerk who would like to hire a firm to scan and index their large bound books, docket sheets, and State Appraisals that are too large to be done in-house. Mrs. Weston said she thinks the Resolution is written broadly enough to cover other departments with similar needs.

Attorney Luhman interject this Resolution will create Economic Development Project 55, Electronic Document Management Systems, that will provide funding for that purpose. He noted that the County Council approved \$61,000 of funding for this project on April 11th.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Resolution 2006-12-CM, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-14-CM: Amends the Cumulative Capital (Cum Cap) Tax Improvement Plan: Commissioners' Assistant Jennifer Weston

Mrs. Weston explained that the Sheriff and Maintenance Department requested changing the public entrance to the Courthouse from 4th Street to Columbia Street. They will switch out the security camera, build a ramp and handrail to ADA specifications, and add electronic doors.

Sheriff Anderson interjected that they transport 55 or more inmates per day to the Courthouse. Separating the public entrance from the prisoners' entrance will increase safety.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve Resolution 2006-14-CM, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

APPOINTMENT: Common Wage Board

- Commissioner Shedd moved to appoint Alan Parker to the Common Wage Board for various Tippecanoe School Corporation projects, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

New Directions, Inc. Grant Application: Judith Kuehn, New Directions President & CEO and Donna Anderson, Kenna Consulting & Management Group, Inc. President

Ms Kuehn requested the Commissioners' approval to proceed with the application process for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and a Federal Home Loan Grant to purchase the former Otterbein Nursing Home to provide a fifty (50) bed Women's Residential/Treatment Facility. She said they need such a facility to respond to the 4 to 5 calls per week for residential treatment for women with addictions to reduce the number sent to jail. Ms Kuehn said they joined with Community Family Resource Center and hope to provide 4 to 5 units for mothers & children. September 22nd is the deadline to apply for a Federal Home Loan Grant that will be used toward the purchase, update and remodel the former Otterbein Nursing Home and parking lot. If approved, their next step will be a public notice informing the public of their intentions. The estimated cost of the project is \$900,000.

Because the County is allowed only three open CDB Grants at one time, Ms Anderson wondered if Tippecanoe County has an open slot. Mrs. Weston said she is sure the New Directions' Monitor Facility grant will be closed when our State Audit is completed.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to authorize New Directions to proceed with the grant application process for a Women's Residential/Treatment Facility at the former Otterbein Nursing Home, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

Storage Rental Agreement: Witteveen and Kessler, LLC

President Knochel presented an Agreement between the County and Witteveen and Kessler, LLC to rent three (3) storage units located in the basement of 100-112 N 3rd Street for records that are currently stored on the fifth floor of the Courthouse. Because the records are sensitive in nature, they will be stored in locked cages. The monthly rent for two units will be \$125 each and the rent for the third unit will be \$150.

Attorney Luhman said the size of each unit will be provided by Mr. Kessler later today.

- Commissioner Shedd moved to approve the Storage Rental Agreement with Witteveen and Kessler, LLC, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

REPORTS

Reports from the Tippecanoe County Library, Veterans Affairs, and Mail & Duplicating are on file in the Commissioners' Office for review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

- Commissioner Shedd moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Benson; motion carried.

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THE COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE**

John L. Knochel, President

ATTEST:

Ruth E. Shedd, Vice President

Robert A. Plantenga, Auditor

KD Benson, Member